



# City of Fontana

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Southern California Association of Governments  
818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Attn: Conformity Working Group c/o Jonathan Nadler

Subject: Request for consultation with SCAG Transportation Conformity Working Group  
Re. I-10/Citrus Avenue Interchange Project, PM 2.5 Standard

Dear Mr. Nadler:

On behalf of the City of Fontana and the California Department of Transportation, District 8 (Caltrans), we are requesting Interagency Consultation (IAC) via the SCAG Transportation Conformity Working Group to discuss whether the project listed below requires project-level PM hot spot analyses at the May 23, 2006 Conformity Working Group meeting. We have determined that the project is not a "Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC)" and request the Conformity Working Group's concurrence with this determination.

### **SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN**

Projects for 5/23/2006 CTC Vote  
PM2.5 Hot Spot Review Summary  
5/12/2006

County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description	EA	PM2.5 Conformity
San Bernardino 08-SBD-10 14.8/15.5	On Interstate 10 between Cherry Avenue and Sierra Avenue in the City of Fontana, County of San Bernardino. Widen and modify on and off-ramps at Citrus Avenue to construct a partial partial cloverleaf.	46810K	Conforms, Not a Project of Air Quality Concern

The proposed project is located within a nonattainment area for federal PM2.5 and PM10 standards. Therefore, per 40 CFR Part 93 analyses are required for conformity purposes. However, the EPA does not require hot-spot analyses, qualitative or quantitative, for projects that are not listed in §93.123(b) (1) as an air quality concern. The project does not qualify as a project of air quality concern because of the following reasons:

- i. The proposed project is not a new or expanded highway project. The proposed project is an interchange reconstruction project that does not increase the capacity of I-10. This type of project improves freeway interchange operations by reducing traffic congestion and improving merge operations.

- ii. The proposed project does not affect intersections that are at level of service D, E, or F with a significant number of diesel vehicles. Based on the Citrus Avenue at Interstate 10 Interchange Improvement Project Report Traffic Analysis (Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, May 2005) the proposed project would reduce the delay and improve the LOS at the intersections within the project vicinity.
- iii. The proposed project does not include the construction of a new bus or rail terminal.
- iv. The proposed project does not expand an existing bus or rail terminal.

Therefore, the proposed project meets the Clean Air Act requirements and 40 CFR 93.116 without any explicit hot-spot analysis. The proposed project would not create a new, or worsen an existing, PM10 or PM2.5 violation. Supporting documentation is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 350-7629 or contact me by email at [pbalbach@fontana.org](mailto:pbalbach@fontana.org).

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